THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir. The Archaeological Survey of India has requested the Survey of India, Dehradun to conduct such a study.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The report from Survey of India is yet to be received.

Strengthening of regions attracting tourists

3254. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had hardly paid any attention to the States who had contributed significantly to the country's culture as they attract a large number of tourists;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to strengthen these regions?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Archaeological Survey of India protects and maintains 3659 monuments/archaeological sites which are of historical, archaeological or artistic interest and which have been in existence for not less than one hundred years. The state-wise distribution of the same is given in the Statement-I *(See* below).

Various on-going measures of structural conservation, chemical preservation and environmental development are being undertaken for these monuments and sites. 125 monuments are ticketed and these attract a large number of tourists from both India and abroad. Special attention is given to these sites by way of provision of tourist related facilities and environmental upgradation.

The government of India has taken several steps to strengthen the tourist infrastructure. The Ministry of Tourism under its scheme of Product/Infrastructure Development of tourism circuits and destinations has also provided financial assistance to the State Governments for improving infrastructure available and to make it to the international standard by way of landscaping, internal pathways, signages, etc. A statement showing state-wise tourism projects sanctioned during the tenth plan (as on 31.12.2004) is given in the Statement-ll.

Statement-I

List of Centrally protected monuments under Archaeological Survey of India (State wise)

SI. No.	States/U.T.	No. of Centrally Protected Monuments in each State/U.T.
01	Andhra Pradesh	136
02	Arunachal Pradesh	5
03	Assam	50
04	Bihar	65
05	Chhattisgarh	47
06	Daman & Diu	12
07	Delhi	172
08	Goa	21
09	Gujarat Haryana	202
10	Himachal Pradesh	90
11		40
12	Jammu & Kashmir	69
13	Jharkhand	12
14	Karnataka	507
15	Kerala	26
16	Madhya Pradesh	287
17	Maharashtra	286
18	Manipur	01
19	Meghalaya	08
20	Nagaland	04
21	Orissa	79
22	Pondicherry	07
23	Pujnab	31
24	Rajasthan	161
25	Sikkim	03
26	Tamil Nadu	416
27	Tripura Uttar	05
28	Pradesh	742
29	Uttaranchal	44
30	West Bengal	131
	TOTAL	3659

Statement-ll

State-wise tourism projects sanctiioned during the tenth plan (as on 31. T2.2004)

(Rs. in Lakhs)

SI No	State/UT	2002-03			2003-04			2004-05 (upto 31.12.2004)		
		No.of Project Sancd	Amount Sancd.	Amount Released	No.of Sancd.	Amount Sancd	Amount Released	No of Project Sancd	Amount Sancd.	Amount Released
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2	507.50	195.00	6	946.50	896.44	11	2750.81	2191.92
2.	Assam	9	768.13	618.85	3	313.46	313.06	6	955.88	742.10
3	Arunachal Pradesh	5	41.30	32.50	6	1044.60	700.00	6	1285.70	905.52
4.	Bihar	8	505.00	505.00	6	1019.42	913.89	7	1901.23	1527.55
5.	Chhattisgarh	9	308.00	98.50	6	1005.00	364.00	4	1086.26	869.01
6.	Goa	1	0.50	0.50	2	36.76	34.76	2	10.00	8.00
7.	Gujarat	2	197.12	59.13	8	920.51	815.82	2	138.93	111.14
8.	Haryana	8	332.25	311.00	16	1215.38	879.23	5	678.55	501.64
9.	Himachal Pradesh	30	779.32	760.38	4	182.32	85.00	5	2620.00	1736.00
10.	J&K	3	94.38	89.47	5	895.00	895.00	2	805.00	644.00
11.	Jharkhand	0	0	0	2	1109.00	774.60	1	474.97	379.97
12.	Karnataka	6	902.49	625.49	14	932.66	792.51	8	2432.76	1914.37
13.	Kerala	71	861.36	829.86	6	608.50	564.15	5	2148.63	1718.88
14.	Madhya Pradesh	18	711.18	574.79	10	621.90	394.51	8	1285.46	783.08
15.	Maharashtra	8	623.46	546.25	10	931.83	914.58	6	1576.38	1260.10
16.	Manipur	2	5.24	2.62	1	82.44	24.73	0	0.00	0.00
17.	Meghalaya	3	70.35	21.20	2	40.22	24.92	2	963.30	807.91
18.	Mizoram	6	141.16	48.46	5	567.70	186.75	3	1081.28	927.09

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
19.	Nagaland	5	360.50	323.43	4	711.00	220.80	5	2165.69	1731.40
20.	Orissa	2	47.50	15.75	5	419.55	138.50	5	1316.48	999.69
21.	Punjab	3	23.00	14.60	2	96.00	12.30	4	846.41	561.26
22.	Rajasthan	13	1098.70	1096.20	14	1644.81	1414.25	2	39.31	31.45
23.	Sikkim	13	346.24	269.76	8	1151.09	681.49	6	1005.81	805.13
24.	Tamil Nadu	5	559.00	316.10	14	1339.82	850.53	6	876.92	702.72
25.	Tripura	5	216.13	67.78	6	450.17	135.16	0	0.00	0.00
26.	Uttaranchal	3	548.00	418.00	4	230.44	203.94	3	1412.93	1125.56
27.	Uttar Pradesh	3	295.00	295.00	7	1115.80	916.26	7	1037.43	825.19
28.	West Bengal	5	201.10	60.00	10	717.44	384.34	5	480.04	384.03
29.	Andaman & Nicobar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
30.	Chandigarh	3	7.75	6.63	2	10.00	8.00	1	457.00	365.60
31.	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	2	8.07	6.46	0	0 3316.28	0 3222.13	0	0.00	0.00
32.	Delhi	14	504.00	449.02	17			1	500.00	400.00
33.	Daman & Diu	3	49.50	16.90	1	265.07	238.56	0	0.00	0.00
34.	Lakshadweep	0 2	0	0 6.30	0	0 245.17	0 73.55	0 2	0.00	0.00
35.	Pondicherry		7.87		1				451.00	360.00
	Tow.	212	11121.10	8680.93	207	24185.84	18073.76	130	32784.16	25320.26